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SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE GROUP PRIVATE TOUR

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1. PERFORMANCE GROUP PASSED CONTENTS REFTEL AND ADVISED DEPT. TOUR NOW IN JEOPARDY UNLESS FINANCING CAN BE FOUND. GRANTS IN HAND NO LONGER ADEQUATE BECAUSE OF INFLATION IN INTERIM SINCE FUND-RAISING STARTED.

2. PERFORMANCE GROUP MANAGER MERCEDES GREGORY BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY FOR POST TO SPONSOR FIRST AMERICAN THEATRE GROUP IN INDIA, FROM POINT OF VIEW OF INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS AND PRESTIGE. WOULD BE WILLING TO DO WORKSHOPS, OTHER PERFORMANCES IN PLACES REQUESTED BY EMBASSY.

3. GROUP WAS ADVISED TO SEEK PRIVATE FUNDS FROM BUSINESSES. DEPT. COULD NOT FINANCE SINCE PLAY NOT BY AMERICAN PLAY-
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WRIGHT. HOWEVER, GROUP ASKED DEPT. TO ONCE AGAIN REQUEST

FUNDING BEFORE TOUR IS WITHDRAWN.

4. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER IDEAS REGARDING FINANCING
PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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